

steeds goest where thou listest, *who*
 like the
 NASATTAS on hearing the invocation dost
 grant
 abundant felicity, thou art of thyself
 desired by
 all like the giver of wealth, thou art like
 PtJsHAX,
 swift as thought.

4. Thou, SoiiA, who like IXDRA performest
 mighty
 acts, art the slayer of the *Vritras*, the
 destroyer of
 strongholds; like the horse of PEDU ¹
 thou art the
 slayer of those who are called
 serpents; thou art
 the slayer of every *Dasyu**

5. *Soma*, who, like -Aaxi let loose in
 a forest,
 easily manifests his might in the waters
 like a man
 who fights shouting against his mighty
 (foe)—so
Soma when purified urges on his wave.

6. These *Soma* juices pass through
 the woollen
 fleece, like the raius of heaven
 showered by the
 clouds; the effused juices flow^
 promptly to the
 pitchers as rivers running downwards
 (flow) into
 the ocean.

7. ²Flow strong as the army of the
 MAHUTS, like
 the divine blameless folk;³ like
 waters become
 quickly favourable to us; (thou art) of a
 thousand
 shapes, adorable like (!XDRA) the victor
 in battle.

8. Thy acts are (like) those of the royal
 YAUUXA,*

¹ See I. 116. 6.

* Sama Veda, II. 6. 3. 13. 3.

³ *i.e.* the Maruts. Sayana refers to a
Brahmana " **maruto**
*zai decdndfit, vi&ak.*⁴⁹

⁴ Sayana's interpretation is, "I rjuickiy perform
the sacrifices
of thee the coverer "